Fall in collection of excise duties

2639. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tax collection from excise duties as a percentage of GDP have fallen steadily through the 1990s;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The ratio of revenue for excise as percentage of GIP during 1990s is given below:—

Year	Ratio of excise collection to GDP (%)
1990-91	4.3
1991-92	4.6
1992-93	4.1
1993-94	3.7
1994-95	3.7
1995-96	3.4
1996-97	3.3
1997-98	3.2
1998-99	3.0
1999-2000	3.2

(c) Various measures have been taken to augment the revenue from excise. These include (i) rationalization of rate structure and (ii) simplification of administrative procedures in order to increase tax compliance, and (iii) phasing out exemptions.

Reduction in rate of interest by IDBI for Dabhol's outstanding loans

2640. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item appearing in the Economic Times of the 4th December, 2000 (Kolkata edition) under the caption, "IDBI cuts rate for Dabhol's outstanding loans to 14 per cent";

(b) if so, the reasons for such reduction; and

(d) the modalities obtained to pass the saving to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In accordance with the practices and usages customary amongst banks and in conformity with the provisions of statutes governing public sector banks and financial institutions as also the provisions of public Financial Institutions (Obligation as to Fidelity and Secrecy) Act, 1983, further details relating to individual constituents cannot be divulged.

Assistance to Kerala by NABARD

2641. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance extended by NABARD to Kerala during this financial year for strengthening agricultural credit in the State;

(b) the number of Constructional works such as Bridges and Roads undertaken by the NABARD in Kerala during the current financial year and the amount earmarked therefor; and

(c) the number of such works proposed to be undertaken by the NABARD in Kerala in the coming years togetherwith the details of places in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The details of credit limits sanctioned by National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to State Co-operative Banks (SCBs)/District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in Kerala during the year 2000-2001 are furnished below:—

(*Rs. Crore*)

Sl. No.	Purpose	Amount
1.	Short Term (Seasonal Agricultural Operations)	
	SCB/DCCBs	121.68
	Regional Rural Banks	131.40